Jim Crow Laws — 1912

A VICTORY OVER JIM CROW.

Freeman 8-9-12

The colored people of Baltimore, Md., have made a successful fight against the "Jim Crow" accommodations recently set up by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in that city. The president of the road said the division was made without his knowledge. On learning the situation, through the appeals of the journals and prominent individuals, the president ordered the change doing away with the separate waiting rooms.

The colored people of that city can congratulate themselves in that they have won such a significant victory. It is on old philosophical truth, but trite, that what is is. In other words, we may expect a slow change in southern cities along this line, but the necessity for advancing the conditions is not readily seen. Indeed, it would be a reflection on the country as well as the race if situations still presented themselves so as to require separate concerns where they had not been before.

But for fear there may be conditions, possible, and which may suggest race division in places of general public usage, it is up to the race to be on its guard, offending in no way. As decent, orderly citizens much is required of us. And since we are on trial in spite of ourselves, it goes without saying that there should be extra care not to offend in what we think to be the little things. The sum total of little things is the individual life. All of us have not been careful along this line, thinking that others have nothing to do with our conduct, or that we are not observed.

We do have the conducting of our own lives, but society imposes some restraints, and for the good of all. Society "proclaims" its silent laws and we must manage somehow to live, at least, in sight of them. In doing so we will be surprised when such discrimination is noted, and confidently hope for the rescinding of such an order [illegible] given at Baltimore—

GETS $3750 FOR "JIM CROW" RIDE.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

Kokomo, Ind., Oct. 15.—Miss Bella Ritchel, who was forced to ride in a "Jim Crow" car and finally set off a train while riding through Kentucky a little more than a year ago, has received word from her attorneys at Frankfort, Ky., that the courts of appeals has awarded her $3,750 damages. Miss Ritchel, who is a Jewess, has a dark complexion and was unable to make the members of the train crew believe she was entitled to ride with white persons.

10-17-12

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A WHITE WOMAN IS JIM-CROWED

Made to Ride in Jim-Crow Cars Because She Looked Colored

Mrs. John A. McCarthy of Memphis Sues Railroad for $50,000 Damages

7-14-12

Wagoner, Oklahoma, Friday, June 21, 1912.—Mrs. John A. Cathey; prominent Southern musical director and manager of the "All-Star Musical Course," embracing the cities of Nashville, Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis, is angry.

To be more explicit, she alleges she has been "unnerved and shocked" by the alleged mistake of a conductor of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad in taking her for a Negro passenger when she boarded a train near Lebanon, Tenn., a month ago.

As a result of the alleged error of the conductor, Mrs. Cathey has filed a $50,000 suit against the railroad.

When the suit was filed the brief was hastily drawn and Mrs. Cathey and her attorney refused to say what allegations it contained. The story, however, was given out by the railroad's legal department at Nashville and was confirmed by Memphis attorneys who saw the brief. The utmost efforts had been used by Mrs. Cathey to keep the cause of action a secret.

The affair out of which the suit grew took place, it is said, near Lebanon, Tenn. Mrs. Cathey had been there on a visit to her son, a student. She drove up to the station in a closed hack and boarded the train.

Simultaneously with Mrs. Cathey's arrival another hack, occupied by a Negro woman, drove up and the conductor, it is alleged, failing to notice the other hack, thought the colored woman had entered the train.

He accosted Mrs. Cathey and ordered her to the "Jim Crow" car, it is charged. She protested and asserts that he persisted with the result that she was "shocked and unnerved."

It happened that there were persons in the car who knew Mrs. Cathey and they corrected the alleged mistake before the conductor's order could be executed.

SEPARATE WAITING ROOMS IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad "Jim Crows" Negro Passengers

GROSS ABUSE RESENTED

Important Conference Arranged Between Committee of Negro Citizens and Railroad Officials.

2-1-12

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. 31.—The placing of separate waiting rooms for Negroes in the Camden station of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad has aroused the colored people of this city as they have not been stirred lately.

The "Jim Crow" signs were placed in the station ten days ago, and the news spread like wildfire.

Accounts of the latest act of discrimination appeared last Saturday in the Baltimore *Times* and the *Afro-American Ledger*. John T. Murphy, publisher of the *Afro-American Ledger*, wrote a vigorous letter to the railroad company complaining of the discrimination, and a conference has already been arranged by Mr. Murphy between leading men of the race in this city and the officials of the company, looking to an abrogation of the company's latest discriminating order.

Ministers Protest.

The pastors of various churches spoke out against the attempt of the road to "Jim Crow" the people of Baltimore. In their pulpits Sunday, and on Monday the Colored Baptist Ministers' Conference appointed a committee to draft a protest.

In speaking of the matter Editor Murphy said: "The discrimination is without warrant of law and may please the gentlemen who will come from the South to attend the Democratic National Convention, but we intend to fight it. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, which is the oldest railroad in the country, has enjoyed liberal support from the race. If the discontinuation is not done away those who have in charge the transportation arrangements for the several general conferences and conventions that are to be held this year should see that the company does not get their patronage."

RAILROAD DISCRIMINATES.

12-12-12

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 11.—Prof. Thomas W. Turner, a teacher in the Colored High School, filed a bitter protest Tuesday against discriminatory conditions on the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway, which operates trains from Claiborne to Ocean City, both points being on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

[illegible] states that the compartment reserved for colored people only seats [illegible] and that it is a regular [illegible] for white ladies. He says that [illegible] Chesapeake Bay [illegible] dirty [illegible] and that [illegible] Negroes [illegible] Chesapeake [illegible] Negroes [illegible] Chesapeake [illegible] Negroes [illegible] Chesapeake